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TAGS: OVIP (YOUNG, ANDREW)

SUBJ: YOUNG VISIT FOLLOW-UP

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1. FOLLOWING IS OUR CHECKLIST:

A. EXPLICIT COMMITMENTS

1) CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT. AMBASSADOR YOUNG AND
PRESIDENT PEREZ (CAP) AGREED THAT THE US AND VENEZUELA
WOULD CONTACT ORTIZ MENA JOINTLY IN CON-CURRENT ACTIONS
REGARDING AN INVITATION BY ORTIZ MENA FOR AN INFORMAL MEETING
HOSTED BY IDB OF POTENTIAL DONORS (US, CANADA, MEXICO,
VENEZUELA, COSTA RICA, PANAM, JAMAICA, COLOMBIA AND TRINIDAD).
SEE ALSO B (1) BELOW.

2). NORTH-SOUTH. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE US AND VENEZUELA
WOULD CONSULT AND EXCHANGE VIEWS ON HOW TO CARRY NORTH-SOUTH
ISSUES FORWARD WITHIN THE UN CONTEXT, ESPECIALLY AS TO PRO-
CEDURES AND DEVICES.

3) OPEC/DC DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION. CAP DESCRIBED IDEAS
FOR A GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT FUND IN WHICH OPEC COUNTRIES AND THE
DC'S COULD JOIN (SEE CARACAS 8099). HE AND AMBASSADOR YOUNG
AGREED THAT WE SHOULD CONTINUE CONSULTATIONS ON THESE IDEAS.

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4) ECONOMIC INTEGRATION. CAP ASKED AMBASSADOR YOUNG TO PASS
TO PRESIDENT CARTER HIS BELIEF THAT THE US SHOULD MAKE SOME
GESTURE SHOWING ITS SUPPORT FOR LATIN AMERICAN INTEGRATION,
AND THAT THIS WAS AS IMPORTANT AS OUR EFFORTS IN
HUMAN RIGHTS; WE AGREED TO DO SO.

5) UNCTAD. IN LINE WITH THE ABOVE WE SUGGESTED THAT WE

BROADEN THE AGENDA FOR UNCTAD TO INCLUDE THE ISSUE OF REGIONAL INTEGRATION. CAP AND PEREZ GUERRERO ACCEPTED THIS IDEA AND SUGGESTED IN TURN THAT THE UNCTAD MEETING COULD BE AN OCCASION FOR A US DECLARATION ON ECONOMIC INTEGRATION. WE AGREED TO PURSUE THESE IDEAS(SEE ALSO CARACAS 8101).

6) JAMAICA. CAP AGREED TO URGE VENEZUELAN BUSINESSMEN AND BANKERS TO SUPPORT JAMAICA'S TOURIST INDUSTRY AND ECONOMY.

7) NPT. CAP AGREED TO URGE COLOMBIA AND OTHERS TO RATIFY THE NPT.

8). NIGERIA. AMBASSADOR YOUNG AGREED TO SUPPLY A LIST OF NAMES OF NIGERIAN OFFICIALS WHOM VENEZUELA COULD INVITE TO VISIT IN CONNECTION WITH NIGERIA'S TRANSITION TO CIVIL RULE.

. EXPECTATIONS.

AS A RESULT OF HIS CONVERSATIONS IN WASHINGTON WITH PRESIDENT CARTER, CAP DEVELOPED HIGH EXPECTATIONS FOR CONSULTATION AND COOPERATION ON A WHOLE RANGE OF HEMISPHERE AND INTERNATIONAL TOPICS. HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH AMBASSADOR YOUNG INTENSIFIED THESE EXPECTATIONS, CIVERING AS THEY DID MOST OF THE SAME TOPICS, IN SOME CASES IN MORE CONCRETE DETAIL:

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1) CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT. CAP EXPECTS THAT THERE WILL BE INTERNATIONAL ACTION TO CREATE A DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION PROGRAM FOR THE CARIBBEAN; HE EXPECTS VENEZUELA TO PLAY A MAJOR ROLE AND TO WORK COLOSELY WITH US; HE EXPECTS THAT THE EFFORT WILL INCLUDE MAJOR LATIN AMIERCAN COUNTRIES BORDERING THE BASIN, ESPECIALLY MEXICO AND COLOMBIA, AS WELL AS THE METROPOLITAN COUNTRIES. PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS A POTENTIALLY SERIOUS PROBLEM HERE IN THE CONTRADICTIONS BETWEEN CAP'S EXPECTATIONS AND PERCEPTIONS OF OUR UNDERSTANDING, ON THE ONE HAND, AND THOSE OF ERIC WILLIAMS, ON THE OTHER, TO JUDGE FROM PORT OF SPAIN 2420. CAP'S PERCEPTION IS THAT E AGREE THAT LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES PARTICIPATE; AND WE DID COMMIT OURSELVES TO SUGGEST THAT THE IDB INITIATE COORDINATING ACTION (SEE ABOVE). WILLIAMS APPARENTLY REJECTS IDB INVOLVMENT, DISCOURAGES THE IDEA OF ASSOCIATION WITH LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS, AND CONCEIVES OF A DEVELOPMENT EFFORT AS US-TT LED, WITH VENEZUELA N AN AMBIGUOUS AND APPARENTLY MARGINAL ROLE AS "CONTRIBUTOR TO THE CDB". THESE DIFFERENCES MAY CREATE SERIOUS PROBLEMS FOR US IF EACH CONTINUES

TO PERCEIVE THE US AS AGREEING WITH HIM.

(2) NORTH-SOUTH. CAP EXPECTS CONTINUED CONSULTATION AND COOPERATION IN NORTH-SOUTH MATTERS.

(3) OPEC/DC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. CAP CLEARLY EXPECTS TO ELABORATE HIS IDEAS ON OPEC/DC COOPERATION INTO SPECIFIC PLANS, AND HE EXPECTS TO DISCUSS THEM WITH US AND TO OBTAIN OUR APPROBATION AND COOPERATION (SEE CARACAS 8099).

4) HEMISPHERE. CAP CLEARLY EXPECTS (AND WANTS) CONSULTATION AND COOPERATION WITH REGARD TO THE PROBLEMS OF BELIZE AND BOLIVIAN ACCESS TO THE SEA.
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C. ACTIONABLE ITEMS.

CAP'S EXPECTATIONS AND GENERAL STANCE AFFORD THE OPPORTUNITY-- AND IN MANY WAYS-- THE NEED FOR FURTHER FOLLOW-UP BY US:

(1) NUCLEAR. CAP, IN FULL SUPPORT OF OUR NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION POLICIES, ASKED FOR INFORMATION ON THE BRAZIL-GERMAN SITUATION. WE SHOULD KEEP CAP INFORMED ON NUCLEAR MATTERS; HE CAN BE HELPFUL.

(2) SOUTH AFRICA. WE RAISED END-USE CERTIFICATES ON OIL AND THE ZIMBABWE FUND. WHILE CAP DID NOT COMMIT HIMSELF ON EITHER ITEM, HE IS INTERESTED IN BEING HELPFUL. HE HAS ALREADY ASKED FOR, AND WE HAVE PROVIDED, A BRIEFING ON THE AFRICAN SITUATION (STATE 198750). AS A MEMBER OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, VENEZUELA CAN PLAY A CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE. WE SHOULD TAKE THE INITIATIVE IN KEEPING HIM UP TO DATE.

(3) BELIZE. CAP MADE, IN EFFECT, A BID FOR OUR SUPPORT IN AN INTERNATIONAL EFFORT TO LEAN ON GUATEMALA TO ACCEPT BELIZEAN INDEPENDENCE UNDER REASONABLE CIRCUMSTANCES. WHILE WE DID NOT SPECIFICALLY RESPOND HE CLEARLY EXPECTS TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH ON THIS GENERAL TOPIC. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR US TO DO SO, AND TO LET HIM KNOW WHEN AND IF WE DEFINE OUR POSITION ON THE KEY QUESTION OF HOW MUCH WE ARE TO PRESSURE THE PARTIES CONCERNED.

4) BOLIVIAN ACCESS TO THE SEA. CAP WOULD LIKE US TO STUDY HIS PROPOSALS FOR ECONOMIC UNDERPINNING TO AN ACCESS-TO-THE SEA FORMULA, AND HOPES WE WILL PARTICIPATE. HE HAS ALREADY PROVIDED US WITH BOLIVIAN MATERIAL TO BE FORWARDED TO ASST. SEC. TODMAN. HE WILL PROVIDE US WITH MORE MATERIAL. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO PROVIDE HIM OUR VIEWS AS THESE THINGS DEVELOP, IF ONLY TO HAVE RATIONAL INFLUENCE ON HIS IDEAS.

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(5) OPEC/DC DEVELOPMENT FUND. CAP IS SERIOUS IN WORKING ON IDEAS FOR A GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT FUND. HE HAS THE CAPACITY TO INFLUENCE OPEC ON THIS, SO HIS PLANNING CAN BE SIGNIFICANT. HIS IDEAS ARE, IN ANY CASE, PROVOCATIVE AND MAY WELL GIVE US SOME OPPORTUNITIES FOR DEVELOPING PLANS FOR WHAT ARE AFTER ALL COMMONLY LAUDABLE ENDS. IT WOULD BE IN ORDER TO EXCHANGE IDEAS WITH HIS PEOPLE ON THIS, AGAIN F ONLY TO INFLUENCE HIS PLANNING IN CONSTRUCTIVE WAYS.

(6) HUMAN RIGHTS. GIVEN CAP'S TRONG HUMAN RIGHTS STAND, WE SHOULD NOT HESISTATE TO SEEK HIS SUPPORT IN THESE MATTERS, E.G. IAHRC VISIT TO PARAGUAY, ETC.
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